

From: Nafziger, Rich  
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Subject: WorkFirst Child Care Cuts to Campuses  
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As indicated below, the Governor was forced to make cuts in WorkFirst funding that required the elimination of the special subsidies for Evening/Weekend child care and WorkFirst Family literacy child care programs effective April 1 of this year.

The Governor's WorkFirst Performance Team has indicated that colleges can choose to continue funding Evening/Weekend child care and WorkFirst Family Literacy child care programs by reallocating funds within their existing block grant.

Reallocations will only be approved by the State Board on a case-by-case basis this year. Next year, funding could continue by indicating that you wish to continue this program in your block grant plan for next year.

Carla McKnight will provide details early next week.

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From: Paula Knittle  
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Subject: WorkFirst Child Care Cuts to Campuses

Washington's WorkFirst program will take \$40 million in reductions for the current fiscal year and \$75 million in the next fiscal year as a result of increased program demands, fewer federal subsidies, and overestimated savings from cuts made last year.

The Governor is committed to making these cuts without jeopardizing the basic principles of the WorkFirst efforts. He did not want to make cuts in the basic grant, or make it harder for people to get on or stay on TANF. Furthermore, he wanted to maintain the important role community and technical colleges play in the overall effort. For that reason, he did not make any cuts to the basic block grant that each college received this year. However, we were forced to absorb the elimination of Federal Child Care block grant funds that support colleges evening/weekend child care, and family literacy child care.

Effective March 31, 2003, CTCs will be expected to eliminate all Evening/Weekend child care and WorkFirst Family Literacy child care programs. This cut includes the enhanced rate to both programs as well as the SBCTC/WCCC cost reimbursement contracts.. All expenditures for allowable activities in these programs will be from July 1, 2002 to March 31, 2003. All activities must be billed to the State Board no later than May 15, 2003.

For questions, please contact Annie Cubberly or Kristin Ockert at the State Board.

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